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A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on January 19-20, 2007, and as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D), the Commission will discuss and may vote to take action on the following matters:

Friday, January 19, 2007, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Glendale Civic Center 5750 West Glenn Drive, Glendale, Arizona 85301

Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.

Awards and Commissioning of Officers.

- 1. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison. State and Federal Legislation.** The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may vote to take a position or provide direction to the Department for coordination, action, or proposed changes to legislation or other elective issues related to Department responsibilities.
- 2. Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. An Update on Current Issues, Planning Efforts, and Proposed Projects on All Lands in Arizona and Other Matters Related Thereto.** The Commission will be briefed on the latest developments relating to the implementation of land and resource management plans and projects on private, state and federal lands in Arizona and other matters related hereto. The update addresses decisions or activities since the December 2006 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
- 3. Presenter: Ty Gray, Education Branch Chief, Information and Education Division. Hunter Education Update.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to the Hunter Education program, including the development of revised curriculum materials and an online Hunter Education course that has been approved by the Director in accordance with A.R.S. 17-332(D)(2)(c). The Commission may vote to provide the Department with direction on items covered in the update.
- 4. Presenter: Ty Gray, Education Branch Chief. Statewide Shooting Range Briefing.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to shooting range support and development statewide. The update covers activities that have occurred since the December 2006 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.

5. **Consent Agenda** – The following items have been grouped together and are hereby noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve these matters as presented, subject to approval or recommendations of the Office of the Attorney General. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.
- a. **Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for the Commission to Approve a Cooperative Agreement to Allow Transfer of Treated Waste Water from the Town of Eagar to the Commission-Owned Springerville Marsh, Apache County, Arizona.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a cooperative agreement to allow transfer of treated waste water from the Town of Eagar to the Commission-Owned Springerville Marsh, Apache County, Arizona.
 - b. **Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. Request for the Commission to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Salt River Project for the Purposes of Protection and Enhancement of Fish and Wildlife Resources.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a memorandum of understanding with Salt River Project for the purposes of protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources throughout the State of Arizona.
 - c. **Presenter: Leonard L. Ordway, Game Branch Chief. Memorandum of Understanding with United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding rocket net charges.** The Commission will be asked to approve and authorize the signing of an MOU with the USFWS which will allow the Department to continue to purchase rocket net charges used in wildlife capture.
 - d. **Presenter: Ron Sieg, Flagstaff Regional Supervisor. Consideration of the 12A Habitat Stamp Fund Budget for Calendar Year 2007 and Consideration of a New Cooperative Agreement for the Next Five Years.** The Commission will be asked to approve the 12A Habitat Stamp Fund Budget for Calendar Year 2007 for spending funds generated under the Cooperative Agreement between the Kaibab National Forest and the Department and also to approve signing a new 5-year agreement with the Kaibab National Forest for this program.
6. **Presenter: Mark Weise, Development Branch Chief. Macauley Petition to Close Certain Roads on State Trust Land Approximately Seven Miles North of Williams, Arizona.** The Department will be asking the Commission to vote to approve a petition to close multiple roads on State Trust Land located approximately seven miles north of Williams, Arizona
7. **Presenter: Harry Seck, Information Systems Branch Chief. Automated License Systems (ALS) Current Status of Online Applications for the Antelope and Elk Draw.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation related to the current status of the online applications for the antelope and elk draw. This would include corrections made and enhancements to the application system, and the current number of online applications

received by the Department. The Commission will be asked to provide the Department with further direction related to this issue.

- 8. Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

Lunch Break (Begins at 12:00 p.m.)

The Afternoon Executive Session begins immediately following the lunch break.

9. Executive Session

- a. Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; State of Arizona v. George H. Johnson*, CV2005-002692; *Charles M. Johnson v. Arizona Game and Fish Dep't, et al* LC2006-000775-001.
- b. Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in executive session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel regarding the Commission's position on potential litigation regarding the use of temporary employment services at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility.
- c. Personnel Matters.** The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, including the Director's goals and objectives pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (A) (1). The Commission may decide this matter in the public meeting or defer a decision to a later date.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

- d. Consultation with Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in executive session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel the Commission's position on potential negotiations with Phelps Dodge Corporation over Water Rights in the Bill Williams River watershed, and the future use of Planet Ranch for wildlife conservation purposes.
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- 10. Presenter: Pat Barber, Law Enforcement Branch Chief. Hearings on License Revocations for Violation of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife at Time Certain 2:00 p.m.** The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conviction</u>
Crow, Granville L.	Count A: Take over limit of wildlife (8 doves over). Count B: Waste game meat (17 doves).
Escalante, Omar L.	Count A: Take over limit of wildlife (35 doves over).
Escalante, Hermes	Count A: Take over limit of wildlife (35 doves over).
Escalante, Eugenio V.	Count A: Take over limit of wildlife (35 doves over).
Armstrong, Joseph C.	Count A: Knowingly take wildlife during the closed season (bighorn sheep). Count B: Take wildlife and allow portions to waste (bighorn sheep). Count C: Littering
Gillette, George R.	Count A: Possession of wildlife without evidence of legality (elk). Count B: Take wildlife without permit-tag (elk). Count C: Possession of unlawfully taken wildlife (elk). Count D: Exceed bag limit (2 elk). Count F: Failure to tag wildlife after kill (elk). Count H: Possession of wildlife without tag attached (elk). Count J: Possession of unlawfully taken wildlife (elk).
Gillette, Susan H.	Count A: Allow use of elk tag by another individual.
Parsons, Jesse H.	Count A: Obtain license/permit by fraud. Count B: Obtain license/permit by fraud. Count C: Obtain license/permit by fraud.
Baca, Rudy B.	Count A: Take turkey without a tag (decoy). Count B: Shoot from a maintained road.
Dechant, Shane L.	Count A: Take turkey without a tag (decoy). Count B: Shoot from a maintained road.
Gregersen, Ronald G.	Count A: Take wildlife in a closed season (deer).
Stevens, Jack R.	Count A: Take big game during closed season (bear). Count B: Possess/transport unlawfully taken big game (bear). Count C: Use big game permit of another person (bear).
Flax, Arlen F.	Count A: Obtain resident permit by fraud (elk). Count B: Hunt without valid tag (elk).

PRESENTER NAME CHANGE

- 11. Presenter: Mike Senn, Assistant Director, Field Operations. Request by Mr. Erv Comer for a Hearing to Reinstate His Bonus Points for Elk from the Fall 2006 Big Game Draw.** Mr. Erv Comer is requesting a hearing before the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to request that his 13 bonus points for elk be reinstated from the fall 2006 big game season. The Commission may vote to approve or deny Mr. Comer's request or provide the Department with further direction.
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- 12. Presenter: Duane Shroufe, Director. Director's Goals and Objectives – 2007.** The Commission will discuss and may vote to approve a list of goals and objectives for the Director to achieve during 2007.
- 13. Presenter: Steve K. Ferrell, Deputy Director. Commission Review of the Department's Mission Statement.** The Commission will review the Department's mission statement and may vote to give the Department direction on this item.
- 14. Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the following litigation matters: *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; State of Arizona v. George H. Johnson*, CV2005-002692; *Charles M. Johnson v. Arizona game and Fish Dep't, et al* LC2006-000775-001. The Commission may vote to take action on any case.
- 15. Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.
- 16. Director's and Chairman's Reports.** The Director and the Chairman will report on Department and Commission activities since the last meeting. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.
- 17. Commissioners' Reports.** The Commissioners will report on their activities since the last meeting related to Game and Fish Commission duties and responsibilities. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.
- 18. Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to approve the minutes for December 9, 2006.
- 19. Election of Positions and Appointments to Standing Committees.** The Commission will vote to elect a Commission Chair and Vice-Chair for 2007. The incoming Commission

Chair will then appoint individual Commissioners to Chair the following standing committees through January 2008: Heritage Public Advisory Committee, Habitat Partnership Committee, Landowner-Lessee/Sportsman's Relations Committee, and Wildlife Assets Committee.

20. Future Agenda Items.

Saturday, January 20, 2007, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Glendale Civic Center 5750 West Glenn Drive, Glendale, Arizona 85301

Meeting begins at 1:30 p.m.

The Commission will meet with its constituents to discuss items of interest. The following approximate agenda will be followed. No official action will be taken.

1:30 p.m. Chairman's Welcome & Commission Introductions

Director's Presentation

2007 *Year in Review* Video Presentation

Open Discussion – Questions & Answers

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Awards Banquet

Chairman's Welcome

Awards Presentations

9:00 p.m. ADJOURN

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The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at Department offices. Commission agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order.

Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 2222 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff,

Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.

During the public meeting, the Commission may afford any person, their duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally.

The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4).

One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.

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The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resource as an enduring public trust. In addition, the Department is charged with promoting safe and responsible use of watercraft and off-highway vehicles. Funding is provided from the sale of licenses and permits; watercraft registration fees; federal excise taxes on firearms, fishing equipment, boats, and other sporting goods; State lottery revenues; donations on State income tax forms; and various contracts and grants. Department policy is set by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose five members are appointed by the Governor.

"Managing Today for Wildlife Tomorrow"

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane L. Shroufe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Duane" being more legible than the last name "Shroufe".

Duane L. Shroufe
Director